access from Indian Territory, to Internet Websites publishing such lascivious material.

Setting up of Software Technology Parks of India

1559. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been facilitating growth of information technology by establishing Software Technology Parks of India as primary infrastructure;

(b) the number of Software Technology Parks of India established in Jharkhand indicating the locations and salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of Software Technology Parks established in other States and the plans, if any, for expansion thereof during the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) To promote IT export from the country, the Government has introduced Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and EHTP scheme under EXIM policy.

(b) No STPI center has been set up in the State of Jharkhand. A project proposal for setting up of STPI (HSDC) facility and incubation center at Ranchi was considered and approved by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for funding of Rs. 3.5 crores under new scheme, namely, Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), in March 2002. A grant-in-aid of Rs.2 crores has already been released to the Government of Jharkhand.

(c) As of now 37 centers have been set up all over the country as detailed in Statement enclosed. (*See below*) The setting up of new center is based on export potential as well as the State Governments' willingness to provide land, built up area and financial support.

Statement

Details of STPI Centres set up all over the country

Sl.No.	States	STPI Centers
1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2	Andhra Pradesh	Thirupati
3	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
4	Andhra Pradesh	Vizag
5	Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
6	Assam	Guwahati
7	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai
8	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
11	Karnataka	Bangalore
12	Karnataka	Hubli
13	Karnataka	Mangalore
14	Karnataka	Manipal
15	Karnataka	Mysore
16	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
17	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
18	Maharashtra	Aurangabad
19	Maharashtra	Nagpur
20	Maharashtra	Nasik
21	Maharashtra	Navi Mumbai
22	Maharashtra	Pune
23	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
24	Orissa	Rourkela
25	Pondicherry	Pondicherry

Sl.No.	States	STPI Centers
26	Punjab	Mohali
27	Rajasthan	Jaipur
28	Tamilnadu	Chennai
29	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore
30	Tamilnadu	Madurai
31	Tamilnadu	Thirunavelli
32	Tamilnadu	Trichy
33	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
34	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
35	Uttar Pradesh	Noida
36	Uttaranchal	Dehradun
37	West Bengal	Kolkata

Society for Electronic Transaction and Security

1560. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Society for Electronic Transaction and Security has received a request for setting up of its base in the various States alongwith Internet Security Centre;

(b) if so, the details of the request received from the States especially from Maharashtra;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have set up a Committee headed by Dr. M. Vidyasagar to examine the matter related with Internet Security in the country;

(e) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(f) Government's reaction thereto?